## Abstract of the Disclosure

A treatment process is disclosed that comprises administering an effective amount of an 5 aromatic sulfone hydroxamic acid that exhibits excellent inhibitory activity of one or more matrix metalloprotease (MMP) enzymes, such as MMP-2, MMP-9 and MMP-13, while exhibiting substantially less inhibition at least of MMP-1 to a host having a 10 condition associated with pathological matrix metalloprotease activity. Also disclosed are metalloprotease inhibitor compounds having those selective activities, processes for manufacture of such compounds and pharmaceutical compositions using 15 an inhibitor. A contemplated compound corresponds in structure to formula B, below,

$$\begin{array}{c}
(CH_2)_{\overline{n}} - Z \\
X \\
X \\
CH_2)_{\overline{n}} (CH_2)_{\overline{p}}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
Q \\
A \\
B
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
P \\
E
\end{array}$$